

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 122 without my signature.

This bill requires candidates for elected office to be issued copies of the laws that prohibit voter intimidation and fraud. While this bill was introduced in response to an unacceptable case of attempted voter intimidation, I do not believe the provisions of this bill will have any actual impact on intimidation and fraud.

Candidates for office and their subordinates have a responsibility to understand applicable election laws. The recent events in Orange County were in all likelihood a result of willful misconduct rather than ignorance of the law. The appropriate response to those events is the full prosecution of those who broke the law, not passing a law to impose unnecessary requirements on election officials and law-abiding candidates.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger